U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center



NAVCEN Overview

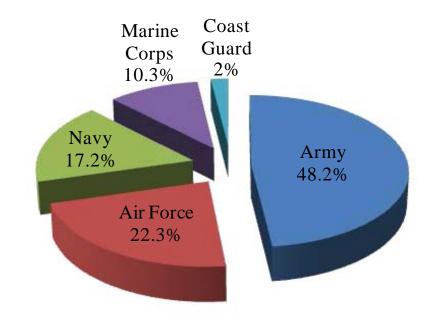


U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
United States
Coast Guard

Personnel Strength of Armed Forces

Service	Military personnel	Percent of total
Army	1,042,200	48.2%
Air Force	483,000	22.3%
Navy	370,900	17.2%
Marine Corps	223,300	10.3%
Coast Guard	43,604	2.0%
Total	2,163,004	100%

Active duty and Reserve Source for Department of Defense (DOD)– FY15 Defense Manpower Requirements Report







US Coast Guard's Missions

By law, the US Coast Guard has 11 Missions:

- Marine Safety
- Aids to Navigation
- Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security
- Search and Rescue
- Marine Environmental Protection
- Living Marine Resources
- Other Law Enforcement
- **Drug Interdiction**
- **Defense Readiness**
- **Migrant Interdiction**
- **Ice Operations**















USCG Atlantic and Pacific Commands







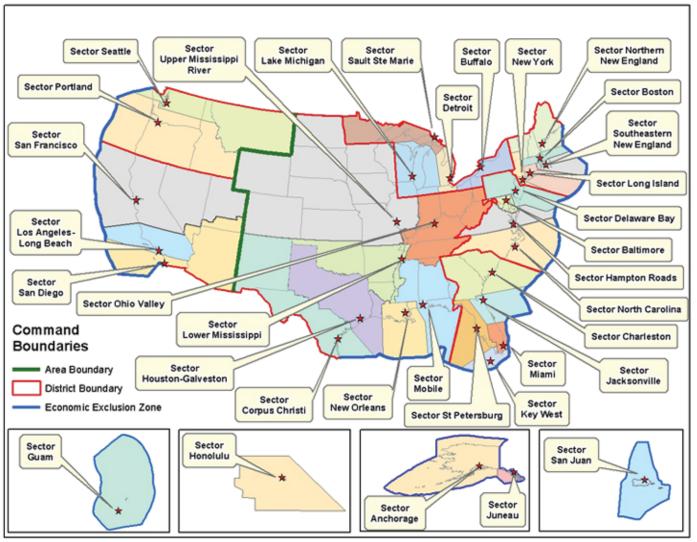
USCG District Structure







USCG Sector Commands









NAVCEN Mission Statement

The Navigation Center provides services to enhance the safety, security, and efficiency of U.S. waterways, and respond to the needs of civil Global Positioning System (GPS) users. These services include:

- Operating the Nationwide Differential GPS (DGPS) System
- Operating the Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) business helpdesk
- Operating the Nationwide Automatic Identification System (NAIS)
- Publishing Notices to Mariners and the Light List
- Managing the US Aids to Navigation Information Management System
- Managing electronic charting portfolios for U.S. Coast Guard units
- Serving as the primary U.S. government interface with GPS users (except aviation and DOD)
- Receiving and coordinating investigation of GPS outage reports
- Disseminating navigation information through 24/7 operations center and the NAVCEN website





Nationwide Differential GPS (NDGPS)

System Description

- 83 Nationwide Remote Broadcast Sites throughout the United States and territories
 - o System in operation since 1996
 - o 92% nationwide signal coverage
 - o Better than 10 meter accuracy
 - o 10 second integrity alarm to the user
 - o Satisfies Harbor/Harbor Approach requirements
 - o 99.7% availability requirement
 - 99.9% availability requirement for Vessel Traffic Service (VTS)
 - o Sites equipped with out-of-tolerance user alerting

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Operations

- Redundant equipment at sites
- Redundant control stations at NAVCEN

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):
 - o Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) network



Long Range Identification & Tracking (LRIT)

System Description

- Assist U.S. flagged ships subject to Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) regulation
- Uses existing INMARSAT/Iridium equipment
- Track U.S. SOLAS ships worldwide
- Track inbound vessels on Int'l voyages, or traveling within 1,000 NM of the U.S. that are:
 - Passenger ships, 300+ GT cargo ships, or selfpropelled offshore drill unit, not on site
 - Available for search and rescue surface picture and maritime domain awareness

US & Foreign SOLAS Class VSLs CLASS VSLs ONLY

Operations

- Around the clock watch to provide assistance
- Conformance testing
- Verification of vessel reporting (4x/day)
- Currently track 700+ U.S. vessels worldwide
- Track over 7,000 vessels within the U.S. border

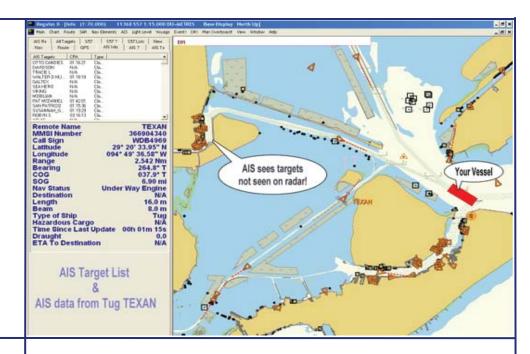
- Over 100 countries participate in LRIT
- Pole Star (Private Contractor Data Management)
- Internally used within the Coast Guard to serve as:
 - o Search and Rescue
 - o Harbor Approach Early Notification



Nationwide Automatic Identification System (NAIS)

System Description

- Track vessels transiting throughout the NAIS areas
- Support coordinated information sharing with U.S. organizations and port partners
- 50 NM receive range, 24 NM transmit range
 - o Interim Receive Operate
 - o Permanent Transceive System Operate
 - o Includes VTS AIS Transceiver Only monitor
 - o Marine Exchange Alaska Only monitor



Operations

- Around the clock monitoring the performance of the NAIS sites
- Remote troubleshooting
- Monitor data connection to users

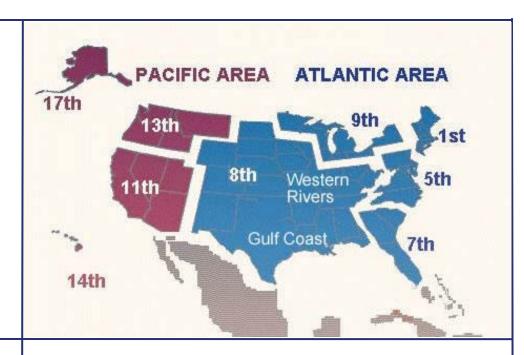
- Bidirectional data sharing with Canada in the St. Lawrence Seaway
- Partnerships with U.S. Departments of Defense (DOD), Transportation (DOT), Homeland Security (DHS), and Commerce (DOC)
- U.S. Coast Guard operational units



Local Notice to Mariners (LNM)

System Description

- A region based method by which the public is informed of changes to aids to navigation
- LMSs are a carriage requirement onboard all commercial vessels
- NAVCEN website is the single authoritative source for LNMs and the chart corrections contained therein, as well as Light Lists



Operations

- U.S. Coast Guard Districts create LNM
- LNMs distributed via NAVCEN Website (33 CFR 72.01-5)
- Users subscribe to a list server for notification that the NAVCEN website is updated

- Service to all mariners who navigate the waters of the United States
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)



US Aids to Navigation Information Management System (USAIMS)

System Description

- USAIMS is the official electronic record of USCG and private Aids to Navigation (ATON)
- NAVCEN supports District Prevention
 Department Waterway Management staffs (dpw) and ATON Units with application support (e.g., special queries, tutorials, document system change requests)
- Automate production of weekly and annual Light List for NAVCEN website
- Produce print files for the annual version of the Light List



Operations

- Produce annual Light List for NAVCEN website and printing
- Produce weekly Light List updates (PDF and XML) for NAVCEN website
- Manage updates and maintenance of the system, perform system testing and training

- Service to all mariners who navigate the waters of the United States
- CG ATON Units
- District Waterways



Electronic Chart Portfolio Management

System Description

- USCG Electronic Chart Portfolio Manager
- Provide electronic charts to the USCG cutter fleet and boat forces
- Provide help desk service, Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) lab
- Electronic charts covering U.S., Caribbean,
 Mesoamerican waters, and other select areas
- Cover 321 cutters/boats (49'+) and 1190 boats

Operations

- Subject matter experts on policy and acquisitions for electronic charts
- Liaison with NOAA, NGA, and USACE for charting and maritime information

Stakeholders

International and national agencies

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)



Electronic Tracking (E-Tracking)

System Description

Data Management Processes:

- Commercial AIS error notification
- CG and Port Partner AIS error notification
- NAIS historical and live data request processing

MIOC application support:

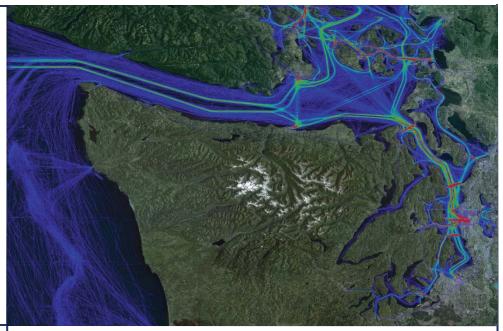
- LRIT Business Help Desk (BHD) application administration
- System Operation Center (SOC) tool administration

NAIS infrastructure analysis:

- Monitor and troubleshoot system performance criteria
- Technical liaison to system sponsor and Product Line

Key Outcomes

- NAIS meets functional and operational requirements
- International Maritime Organization (IMO) vessel assistance and notification of AIS infractions
- CG assets meet AIS requirements
- NAIS data product delivered to customers



- All USCG Program Offices
- OGAs (Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Defense (DOD), Customs and Border Patrol (CBP))
- Civilian Legal Offices, Port Partners, Educational Institutions
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)



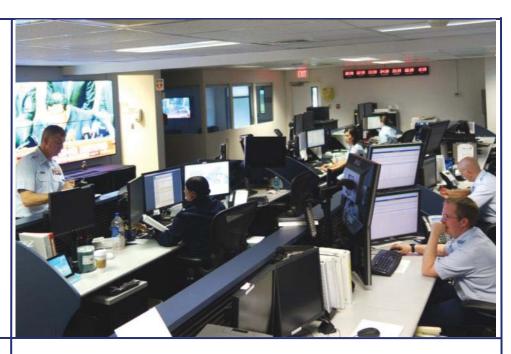
Navigation Information Service (NIS)

System Description

- Primary interface to disseminate information on GPS, DGPS, AIS, NAIS, LRIT Maritime Safety, Maritime Communications, Maritime Regulations & Local Notice to Mariners
- Over 275,000 hits monthly on the NAVCEN website
- 21,000+ List Server subscribers for GPS status, GPS advisories, and LNMs
- Coordinate Civilian GPS Interference detection and mitigation response
- Civil interface for non-aviation GPS users

Operations

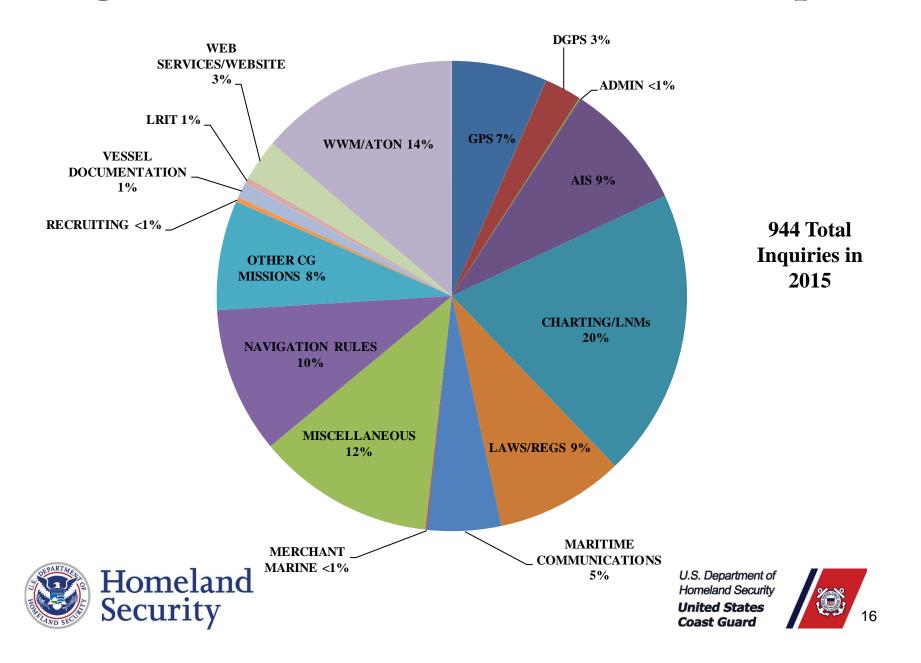
- Around the clock NAVCEN point of contact for maritime and civil GPS users
- Main dissemination point of information for NAVCEN
- GPS testing coordination



- General Public
- Maritime and public entities include:
 - o Maritime users
 - o Civil GPS users
 - Other non-Department of Defense (DOD) users



Navigation Information Service (NIS) Inquiries



Operational Civil Interface Duties

Description

- 1986 GPS became a dual-use (Military/Civil) system, DOD formed an MOU with DOT for GPS Civil Interface
- Civil GPS Service Interface Committee (CGSIC)
 was formed as liaison between world's civil GPS
 users and U.S. GPS authorities
- DOT assigned operational interface to U.S. Coast Guard for dissemination of GPS operational information, CG retained responsibility after shifting to DHS



Operations

- CGSIC Deputy Chair and Executive Secretariat
- Publish GPS operational files for public use
- Accept and process GPS inquiries and problem/ interference reports
- Advocate for the civil GPS community

- U.S. Air Force GPS Operations Center (GPSOC)
- FAA National Operations Control Center (NOCC)
- Other agencies of the U.S. government for response to inquiries
- Civil, non-aviation users



Civil GPS Services Interface Committee (CGSIC)

Description

- 1989 DOT Takes Lead for Civil Users
- 1991 Civil GPS User Interface Committee (CGSIC):
 - Chair (DOT/Research and Innovative Technology Administration)
 - o Deputy Chair (CO NAVCEN)
 - o Executive Secretariat (NAVCEN Staff)
 - o Liaison for world's Civil GPS Users



CGSIC Plenary Session, Tampa, Florida, 14-15 September 2015

International Sub-committee held in Kyoto, Japan, Nov 2015 Survey, Mapping & Geo-Sciences held in Portland, OR, Nov 2015

Operations

- CGSIC Provides:
 - o Technical information exchange with civil GPS users
 - o Identify type of information & distribution methods
 - o Identify Issues for resolution by U.S. GPS Authorities
 - o Conduct GPS information studies on civil user needs
 - o Advocate for civil use of GPS

Stakeholders

Subcommittees

- Survey, Mapping & Geo-Sciences •
- Timing
- U.S. States & Local Government
- International Information

Advisors

- Land
- Aviation
- Marine
- GPS Industry Council



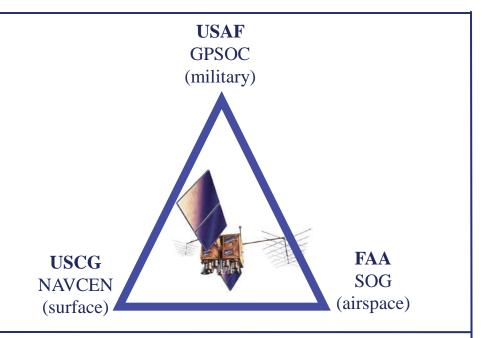
GPS Information Sharing & Interference Detection and Mitigation (IDM)

System Description

- 2014 Interagency GPS User Support MOA
- Trilateral-agency User Segment Representation
- Multi-agency IDM Coordination
- Implement GPS MOA
- Maintain Trilateral Representation
- Multi-agency IDM Coordination in Annex
- Designated by USCG as GPS testing focal point for all GPS band testing and Other Government Agency (OGA) testing events

Operations

- Support Civil Mission Planning and User Requirements
- Provide Satellite Constellation Status
- Provide User Advisories
- Coordinate GPS Testing
- Process GPS Disruption Reports
- Interface Control Document Review and Coordination
- GPS related Committees and Working Groups



Stakeholders

U.S. Air Force GPS Ops Center (GPSOC)

FAA Satellite Operations Group (SOG)

FAA Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC)

U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center (NAVCEN)

Federal Communications Commission Ops Center (FCCOC)

DHS National Coordinating Center for Telecomms (NCC)



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The primary means of information dissemination used by the NIS is the NAVCEN Website. It is the focal point of all NAVCEN data regarding GPS, DGPS, NAV Rules, NAIS, LRIT and much more.





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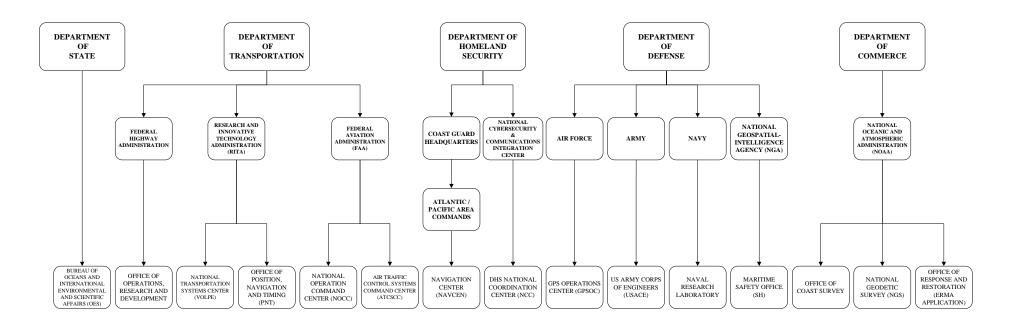


NAVCEN Federal Partners









DIFFERENTIAL GPS

LONG RANGE IDENTIFICATION & TRACKING (LRIT)

NATIONWIDE AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (NAIS)

NOTICE TO MARINERS AND LIGHT LISTS

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U.S. GOVERNMENT INTERFACE FOR GPS (CIVILIAN LAND AND MARITIME USERS)

INTERFERENCE DETECTION AND MITIGATION (IDM)

AND MITIGATION (IDM)







